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Identical letters dated 18 June 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to call your attention to an alarming incident that occurred yesterday along the Blue Line, in grave violation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

Yesterday, Sunday, 17 June 2007, two Katyusha rockets, launched from within Lebanese territory, fell on the northern Israeli city of Kiryat Shemona. A third rocket launched from the same area struck next to a base of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in southern Lebanon.

Israel views the Katyusha rocket attack on Kiryat Shemona with outrage and as an absolute breach of resolution 1701 (2006). It is nothing short of a miracle that no one was harmed or killed. These rocket attacks constitute a dangerous threat to regional stability and security.

Israel expects the Lebanese Government to assert control over its territory and to ensure that neither Hizbullah nor Palestinian groups attack Israel from within its borders. It is thus imperative that resolution 1701 (2006) be implemented.

Additionally, UNIFIL must make every effort to prevent the repetition of this kind of attack. Israel calls on UNIFIL to assist the Lebanese authorities in the investigation of the incident, hoping that the relevant authorities will arrest the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

Israel is currently exercising the utmost restraint in responding to this perilous and threatening incident. Nonetheless, Israel reserves the right to defend itself from such aggressions, as stated in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the contents of the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 13, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Daniel **Carmon**
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Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Draft resolution

The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions and statements by its President on the situation in Liberia and West Africa,

Welcoming the sustained progress made by the Government of Liberia since January 2006, in rebuilding Liberia for the benefit of all Liberians, with the support of the international community,

Recalling its decision not to renew the measures in paragraph 10 of resolution 1521 (2003) regarding round log and timber products originating in Liberia, and stressing that Liberia's progress in the timber sector must continue with the effective implementation and enforcement of the National Forestry Reform Law signed into law on 5 October 2006, including the resolution of land and tenure rights,

Applauding the Government of Liberia's recent admission as a participant in the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme,

Anticipating the Kimberley Process report to the Council, through the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003), as encouraged in paragraph 2 of resolution 1753 (2007),

Stressing the continuing importance of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) in improving security through Liberia and helping the new Government establish its authority throughout the country, particularly in the diamond and timber-producing regions, and border areas,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations Panel of Experts on Liberia dated 24 May 2007 (S/2007/340, annex),

Having reviewed the measures imposed by paragraphs 2 and 4 of resolution 1521 (2003) and paragraph 1 of resolution 1532 (2004) and the progress towards meeting the conditions set out by paragraph 5 of resolution 1521 (2003), and concluding that insufficient progress has been made towards that end,

Underlining its determination to support the Government of Liberia in its efforts to meet those conditions, and encouraging donors to do likewise,

Determining that, despite significant progress having been made in Liberia, the situation there continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

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Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish, within one month from the date of adoption of this resolution, in consultation with the Committee, for a period of six months, a Panel of Experts consisting of up to three members, with the range of expertise necessary to fulfil the Panel's mandate described in this paragraph, drawing as much as possible on the expertise of the members of the Panel of Experts reappointed pursuant to resolution 1731 (2006), to undertake the following tasks:

(a) To conduct a follow-up assessment mission to Liberia and neighbouring States, in order to investigate and compile a report on the implementation, and any violations, of the measures imposed by resolution 1521 (2003), including any information relevant to the designation by the Committee of the individuals described in paragraph 4 (a) of resolution 1521 (2003) and paragraph 1 of resolution 1532 (2004), and including the various sources of financing, such as from natural resources, for the illicit trade of arms;

(b) To assess the impact of and effectiveness of the measures imposed by paragraph 1 of resolution 1532 (2004), including particularly with respect to the assets of former President Charles Taylor;

(c) To assess the implementation of forestry legislation passed by the Liberian Congress on 19 September 2006 and signed into law by President Johnson Sirleaf on 5 October 2006, recalling that resolution 1689 (2006) decided not to renew the measure in paragraph 10 of resolution 1521 (2003) that obligated Member States to prevent the import into their territories of all round log and timber products originating in Liberia;

(d) To assess the Government of Liberia's compliance with the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme, recalling that resolution 1753 (2007) decided to terminate the measures on diamonds imposed by paragraph 6 of resolution 1521 (2003) and renewed by paragraph 1 of resolution 1731 (2006);

(e) To report to the Council through the Committee by 6 December 2007 on all the issues listed in this paragraph, and to provide informal updates to the Committee as appropriate before that date;

(f) To cooperate with other relevant groups of experts, in particular that established on Côte d'Ivoire by resolution 1708 (2006) of 14 September 2006;

(g) To identify and make recommendations regarding areas where the capacity of States in the region can be strengthened to facilitate the implementation of the measures imposed by paragraph 4 of resolution 1521 (2003) and paragraph 1 of resolution 1532 (2004);

2. *Calls upon* all States and the Government of Liberia to cooperate fully with the Panel of Experts in all the aspects of its mandate;

3. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the situation in Côte d'Ivoire, in particular resolution 1727 (2006) of 15 December 2006, and the relevant statements of its President,

Recalling the final report (S/2007/349) of the Group of Experts whose mandate has been extended pursuant to resolution 1727 (2006),

Determining that the situation in Côte d'Ivoire continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts, as set out in resolution 1727 (2006), until 31 October 2007, and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures;

2. *Requests* the Group of Experts to submit a written update to the Council, through the Committee established by paragraph 14 of resolution 1572 (2004), before 15 October 2007, on the implementation of the measures imposed by paragraphs 7, 9 and 11 of resolution 1572 (2004) and paragraphs 4 and 6 of resolution 1643 (2005) with recommendations in this regard;

3. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the alternate representative of Qatar on the Security Council

Pursuant to rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General wishes to report that he has received credentials from the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Qatar, signed on 19 June 2007, stating that Sheikha Alya bint Ahmed bin Saif al-Thani has been appointed alternate representative of Qatar on the Security Council.

In the opinion of the Secretary-General, these credentials are in order.

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Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the alternate representative of the United States of America on the Security Council

Pursuant to rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General wishes to report that he has received a note verbale dated 20 June 2007 from the representative of the United States Mission to the United Nations stating that R. Clarke Cooper has been appointed alternate representative of the United States of America on the Security Council.

In the opinion of the Secretary-General, that communication constitutes adequate provisional credentials.

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